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ABSTRACT

[0037] The present invention is a video on demand service enabled from a near video on demand service. A desired program is split into portions, or clips. The first clip is delivered a priori to the customer's Digital Video Recorder (DVR) using a hidden channel and it is made available for purchase on demand. The remaining portion is broadcast regularly using the start time of the Near Video On Demand service, for as long as the program is available for Video On Demand purchase. Upon purchase, the remaining portion is authorized for capture by the DVR. The clips are spliced together upon playback to form a complete program.

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